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RE: DOT Commission Applicants File for Fourth District Seat

The individuals below have applied to be considered as candidates for seats on the S.C. Department of Transportation Commission. The deadline for submitting an application is now closed.

Fourth Congressional District Applicants:

John Paul (Johnny) Edwards	Greenville
Jimmy Floyd (Jim) Spearman	Fountain Inn
George Jackson Hughes, Jr.	Greenville
Anita Pecko Whitney	Union

The Joint Transportation Review Committee (JTRC) is responsible for determining whether each applicant for the Commission is qualified and meets the requirements provided by law to serve. The JTRC submits a report including the names of all qualified candidates to the members of the House and Senate who reside in the respective DOT commission districts. Commission districts are the same as South Carolina's congressional districts. Only after the report is issued are members of the respective delegations free to pledge support for candidates and elect a commissioner.

The JTRC is now in the investigative phase of this review process. A public hearing concerning the qualifications of these applicants will be held soon, after which a report of the committee's findings of qualified candidates will be released. The date the report will be released has not been determined.

Questions about this process should be directed to David Owens at the JTRC, 803-212-6402, or davidowens@scsenate.gov.

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